

CONTRAST THE TWO

"AND BEFORE HIM SHALL BE GATHERED ALL NATIONS: AND HE SHALL SEPARATE THEM ONE FROM ANOTHER, AS A SHEPHERD DIVIDETH HIS **SHEEP** FROM THE **GOATS**" (MATTHEW 25:32)

Now contrast the two. Here are two people now before me, sitting in the same pew, both professors of religion, but one, a secret lover of the world, and the other, a secret lover of God. They both can talk pretty much the same language, read the same Bible, sing the same hymns, and hear the same preaching; but one's heart goes out after his covetousness, after his lusts; and the other's heart goes out after his God. Now what will be the end of these two men? The one, when death, the great extinguisher comes, will be silent in darkness; and the other will shine like the stars forever and ever. He lives well, will die well, and will rise well; for he will rise to immortal glory, when the Lord comes to be glorified in His saints, and to be admired in all those who believe [2 Thessalonians]. [Read Psalm 111:10, 1 John 5:20-21] — **J.C. PHILPOT**

THE BEST FRIEND

"AM I THEREFORE BECOME YOUR ENEMY, BECAUSE I TELL YOU THE TRUTH?"
(GALATIANS 4:16)

The best friend you can have on this earth is one who will tell you the truth.
One who will not help make you comfortable in a refuge of lies.
One who speaks the truth to you in love.
One who will continue to do so though you may not appreciate his doing so.
May I be such a friend that the blood of others be not on my hands [Acts 20:26].
[AMEN!] — **DONNIE BELL**

CALENDAR 2019 / 2020

UP COMING EVENTS

Fellowship Luncheon	Dec 1st
Grace Conference	Feb 21, 22, 23

Donnie Bell, Don Fortner

RECENT PUBLICATIONS

bookshelf.sovereigngrace.us
Useless Kinds of Religion, J.C. Ryle
Spiritual Autobiography, Joseph Hart
Prodigal Blessing Joseph Hart, J.A. Kingham
"Prove all things..." / "Examinadlo todo..."
librero.iglesiadegracia.us
Artículos de Gracia 2018, Joseph D Murphy
Las ovejas oyen la Voz, Cody Groover
Inmundo o Santo, Joseph D Murphy

If the Lord puts it on your heart, visit us and "[Come and see](#)" / Si el Señor quiere, "[Ven y ve](#)"

Neither pray I for these alone, but for them also which shall believe on me through their word (JOHN 17:20) [Beloved, He prays for you]

WELCOME

Sinners are welcome at our church. We are a local body of the Lord Jesus Christ. As you spend time with us, you'll soon discover we're an *imperfect* church, with an *imperfect* pastor, yet by God's underserved grace, we preach, believe, and know the *perfect* gospel of our never failing Lord Jesus Christ. Reader, we call *His name JESUS* for *HE SHALL* (not might, not maybe) rather *HE SHALL* save *His people from their sins*. And beloved believing sinner you already know it — you are *complete in Him*, saved to the *uttermost*.

"*Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners*" **JOSEPH D MURPHY**, PASTOR
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Sunday, 10 AM
1 TIMOTHY
ENGLISH

Sunday, 11 AM
PSALMS
ENGLISH

Domingo, 6 PM
ROMANOS
ESPAÑOL

Wednesday, 7 PM
1 CORINTHIANS
ENGLISH

SERVICE TIMES

ENGLISH

Bible Classes	Sun, 10 AM
Worship Service	Sun, 11 AM
Bible Study	Wed, 7 PM

ESPAÑOL

Servicio de Adoración **Dom, 6 PM**

AUDIO PODCASTS

AVAILABLE ON ITUNES AND GOOGLE PLAY

Purposed Grace Sermons

Purposed Grace Articles

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Propósito y Gracia, Sermones

Propósito y Gracia, Artículos

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RECENT PODCASTS

RECENT SERMONS

Is Christ divided? (1 COR 1:9-18)
Have respect unto the covenant (PSA 74)
The church of God in Corinth (1 COR 1:1-9)

SERMONES RECIENTES

Justificado por Fe	(ROM 3:24)
Cristo vino para salvar...	(1 TIM 1:15)
Nacimiento Nuevo	(JUAN 3:7)

DIRECTIONS

We are situated 1 mile south of the Denny's Restaurant located right by the corner of US Highway 59 and State Highway 242.

Show up early and have a cup of coffee with us! 9:30 & 10:30 AM



THE HUSBAND AND REDEEMER OF HIS PEOPLE

"FOR YOUR MAKER IS YOUR HUSBAND; THE LORD OF HOSTS IS HIS NAME; AND YOUR REDEEMER THE HOLY ONE OF ISRAEL; THE GOD OF THE WHOLE EARTH SHALL HE BE CALLED" (ISAIAH 54:5)

As in the marriage union man and wife become one flesh, and, God having joined them together, no man may put them asunder, so when the Lord Jesus Christ, in "*the everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and sure,*" (2 Samuel 23:5) betrothed the Church unto Himself, they became before the face of heaven, one in indissoluble ties. As He undertook in "*the fullness of time*" to be "*made of a woman,*" (Galatians 4:4) she became one with Him in body by virtue of a common nature; and becomes one with Him in spirit when, as each individual member comes forth into a time state, the blessed Spirit unites [each member] to Him by regenerating grace. Such is the testimony of the word of truth. "*We are members of his body, of his flesh, and of his bones;*" (Ephesians 5:30) "*He that is joined to the Lord is one spirit*" (1 Corinthians 6:17). Her union, therefore, with His flesh ensures to her body conformity in the resurrection [morning] to the glorified body of Jesus; and her union with His spirit ensures to her soul an eternity of bliss in the perfection of knowledge, holiness, and love. Thus the union of the Church with Christ commenced in the councils of eternal wisdom and love, is made known upon earth by regenerating grace, and is perfected in heaven in the fullness of glory.

The Church, it is true, fell in Adam from that state of innocence and purity in which she was originally created. But how the Adamic fall, in all its miserable consequences, instead of canceling the bond and dis-annulling the everlasting covenant, only served more fully and gloriously to reveal and make known the love of Christ to His chosen bride in all its breadth and length and depth and height! She fell, it is true, into unspeakable, unfathomable depths of sin and misery, guilt and crime; but she never fell out of His heart or out of His arms.

Yet...without the fall [what would] have been known of dying love or of the mystery of the cross! Where would have been the song of the redeemed, "*Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood?*" (Revelation 1:5). Where the victory over death and hell, or the triumphs of super-abounding grace over the abounding of sin, guilt, and despair? Where would have been the "leading captivity captive," the "spoiling principalities and powers, and making a show of them openly, triumphing over them in Himself?" [Ephesians 4:8, Colossians 2:15]. What would have been known of that most precious attribute of God, mercy? What of His forbearance and long-suffering; what of His pitiful compassion to the poor, lost children of men?

As [so since] the Church's Head and Husband could not and would not dissolve the union, break the covenant, or alter the thing that had gone out of His lips—[yet He] could not take

her openly unto Himself in all her filth, and guilt, and shame, He had to redeem her with His own heart's blood, with agonies and sufferings such as earth or heaven never before witnessed, with those dolorous cries under the hidings of His Father's face, which made the earth to quake, the rocks to rend, and the sun to withdraw its light. But His love was strong as death, and He endured the cross, despising the shame, bearing her sins in His own body on the tree, and thus suffering the penalty due to her crimes, reconciled her unto God "*in the body of His flesh, through death, to present her holy; and unblameable, and unrepentable in His sight.*" (Colossians 1:22) — J.C. PHILPOT

[Dear reader], consider thou must die but once, I mean but once as to this world; for if thou, when thou goest hence, dost not die well, thou canst not come back again and die better. "*It is appointed unto all men once to die, but after this the judgment*" (Hebrews 9:27). — JOHN BUNYAN

DYING GRACE

"JESUS SAID UNTO HER, I AM THE RESURRECTION, AND THE LIFE: HE THAT BELIEVETH IN ME, THOUGH HE WERE DEAD, YET SHALL HE LIVE: AND WHOSOEVER LIVETH AND BELIEVETH IN ME SHALL NEVER DIE. BELIEVEST THOU THIS?" (JOHN 11:25-26)

When the time comes, The Lord God gives His people grace to die well. Those who die in the arms of Christ, who die in faith, die well. What God did for Stephen, He will do essentially for all who trust Christ. Stephen died, being full of the Holy Spirit, with his heart fixed on Christ, looking up steadfastly into heaven. He died without a care in the world, trusting his sovereign Substitute, calling on the name of God. He saw heaven opened! He saw the glory of God! He saw the Lord Jesus standing in the place of power to receive him! He died without any malice in his heart! Really, he did not die at all (John 11:25-26). He simply dropped the body of death. He fell asleep in the arms of Christ and woke up in glory, in life! — Blessed Savior, give me grace so to live and so to die! [AMEN!] — DONALD S FORTNER

[Dear reader], are you afraid of the consequences of death, and what will come after? Throw yourself upon God, in Christ, and you are safe. Christ's righteousness is law-proof, death-proof, and judgment-proof. — AUGUSTUS TOPLADY